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NEIL ABERCROMBIE
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April 23, 2013

The Honorable Donna Mercado Kim,
President
and Members of the Senate
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 409
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

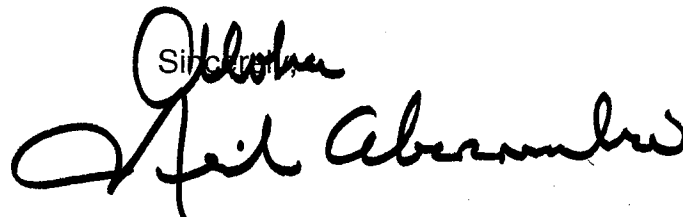
The Honorable Joseph M. Souki,
Speaker and Members of the
House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear President Kim, Speaker Souki, and Members of the Legislature:

This is to inform you that on April 23, 2013, the following bill was signed into law:

SB1203 SD1

RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII
ESTATE AND GENERATION-SKIPPING
TRANSFER TAX LAW TO THE INTERNAL
REVENUE CODE
ACT 045 (13)


Sincerely,
Neil Abercrombie

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawaii

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CONFORMITY OF THE HAWAII ESTATE AND GENERATION-
SKIPPING TRANSFER TAX LAW TO THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The purpose of this Act is to conform the
2 Hawaii estate and generation-skipping transfer tax law to the
3 Internal Revenue Code. On January 2, 2013, Public Law 112-240,
4 also known as the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012, was
5 enacted by the federal government. Public Law 112-240 included
6 many provisions that extended tax features that expired or were
7 set to expire. By adopting the Internal Revenue Code as amended
8 as of January 2, 2013, instead of December 31, 2012, Hawaii
9 estate and generation-skipping transfer tax law will conform
10 more closely to the Internal Revenue Code as the stated
11 legislative intent in section 236E-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
12 suggests.

13 SECTION 2. Section 236E-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended to read as follows:

15 "[+]§236E-3[+] Conformance to the Internal Revenue
16 Code; general application. For all decedents dying after January
17 25, 2012, as used in this chapter, "Internal Revenue Code" means



1 subtitle B of the federal Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as
2 amended as of [~~December 31, 2011,~~] January 2, 2013, as it
3 applies to the determination of gross estate, adjusted gross
4 estate, federal taxable estate, and generation-skipping
5 transfers, except those provisions of the Internal Revenue Code
6 and federal public laws that, pursuant to this chapter, do not
7 apply or are otherwise limited in application."

8 SECTION 3. Section 236E-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
9 amended by amending subsection (c) to read as follows:

10 "(c) The department shall submit to the legislature, no
11 later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular
12 session, proposed legislation to amend section 236E-3 and any
13 other sections and subsections of this chapter as may be
14 necessary to adopt the Internal Revenue Code as it exists on
15 [~~the December 31 preceding the regular session.~~] January 2,
16 2013. In submitting the proposed legislation, the department
17 may provide that certain amendments made to the Internal Revenue
18 Code by Congress during the preceding calendar year shall not be
19 operative in this State or shall be limited in their operation.
20 The department shall also prepare a digest and explanation of
21 the amended provisions of the Internal Revenue Code recommended
22 for operation, as well as those provisions that are recommended



1 to be limited in their operation, or that are not recommended
2 for operation, and shall submit with the proposed legislation
3 required by this subsection the digest, explanation, and a
4 statement of revenue impact of the adoption of the proposed
5 legislation. In preparing the proposed legislation, digest, and
6 explanation, the department may request the assistance of the
7 legislative reference bureau.

8 It is the intent of the legislature to adopt all amendments
9 made to the Internal Revenue Code during the calendar year
10 preceding each regular session; provided that the legislature
11 may choose to adopt none of the amendments to the Internal
12 Revenue Code or may provide that certain amendments are limited
13 in their operation.

14 All provisions of the Internal Revenue Code referred to in
15 this chapter that apply to a husband and wife, spouses, or
16 persons in a legal marital relationship shall be deemed to apply
17 in this chapter to partners in a civil union with the same force
18 and effect as if they were "husband and wife", "spouses", or
19 other terms that describe persons in a legal marital
20 relationship."

21 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
22 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



1 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

APPROVED this 23 day of APR, 2013

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Neil Abernethy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "N".

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII